(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of rise in water level in Yamuna in Delhi in every rainy season, the old railway bridge at Yamuna is closed and many trains are cancelled, due to which the passengers have to suffer.

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking concrete steps by Government to tackle the situation;

(c) by when Government would make concrete arrangements in the interest of common men; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The bridge is closed to traffic for periods when water level exceeds the danger mark of 204.83 Mts.

(b) and (c) A new bridge has already been sanctioned to replace the existing bridge.

(d) Does not arise.

Additional Track Between Ahmedabad and Mumbai

1176. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has revealed that there is justification to provide additional track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in view of the increasing traffic;

(b) if so, when the additional track would be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) A survey for construction of 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad has been completed. As per the survey report, cost of construction of the project has been assessed as Rs. 1006.73 crore with a rate of return of 7.21%. In view of saturation on this section, it has been decided to augment the line capacity on the route by adopting automatic signalling. However, in phase-I, the work of 3rd line from Surat to Kosamba has been included in the Budget, the work on which is in the planning stage.